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MONTANA ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FLATHEAD COUNTY

AUSTIN HILDE,)	Cause No. DV-15-2019-0000269-PI
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Plaintiff,)	Hon. Judge Robert B Allison
)	
v.)	
)	COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND
STURM, RUGER & CO., INC.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

For his claims against Defendant, Plaintiff states and alleges as follows:

1. Plaintiff, Austin Hilde, is a resident of Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana.
2. Defendant, Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc. (Sturm Ruger), is a company engaged in the business of selling firearms.
3. Sturm Ruger designed and manufactured a Ruger M-77 Rifle, Serial Number: 71-73366, which rifle was improperly designed and was in a defective condition unreasonably dangerous to a user or consumer.
4. This rifle was designed in such a way that the user was required to disengage the safety before ejecting a shell.
5. Sturm Ruger designed and manufactured this rifle in such a way that when the safety was disengaged, the rifle would unexpectedly fire by a slight force applied to the pistol grip without ever engaging the trigger.

8. Sturm Ruger is liable for all the physical harm caused to Austin Hilde in an amount to be proven at the time of trial.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant Sturm Ruger as follows:

1. For all of his compensatory damages to be proven at the time of trial.
2. For punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the jury.
3. For his costs and disbursements incurred.

DATED this 29th day of March, 2019.

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands that all issues be tried before a jury.

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